Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Blood cancers currently afflict an estimated 700,000 Americans, and more than 110,000 new cases are expected this year; and,

Whereas, Leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma will kill an estimated 60,500 people in the United States this year; and,

Whereas, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, through voluntary contributions, is dedicated to finding cures for these diseases through research efforts and the support for those that suffer from them; and,

Whereas, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society maintains an office in Minnesota to serve and support patients with these diseases and their family members in the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is similarly committed to the eradication of these diseases and supports the treatment of its citizens who suffer from them; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota encourages private efforts to enhance research funding and education programs that address these diseases:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2004, as

LEUKEMIA, LYMPHOMA & MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota, to enhance the understanding of blood related cancers and encourage participation in voluntary activities that support education programs, services to patients, and the funding of research programs to find cures.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State